

IN THE CLAIMS

A complete listing of all claims pending in this application follows below.

Please cancel claims 5-8, 11-14, 16, 19, 22, 28, 32-34 and 38-41.

Please amend claims 1, 4, 10, 15, 17, 20, 21, 29 and 35 as indicated below.

1. (currently amended) A chair comprising:

a seat member having a seat back, a seat bottom and a resiliently deformable intermediate portion connected between said seat back and seat bottom;

a bottom support member having a bearing surface slidably supporting said seat bottom thereon;

a seat back support member connected to said bottom support member and disposed adjacent said seat back; and

a pivot element connected to said seat back support member and pivotably supporting said seat back,

whereby said intermediate portion deforms as said seat back pivots about said pivot element and said seat bottom slides along said bearing surface in response to the deformation of said intermediate portion.

2. (original) The chair according to claim 1, wherein said seat member is a one-piece shell.

3. (original) The chair according to claim 1, wherein:

said seat back support member includes a support bar spanning at least a portion of said seat back; and

said pivot element includes at least one connector projecting from said seat back and configured to pivotably engage said support bar.

4. (currently amended) The chair according to claim 3, wherein said at least one connector includes a at least one snap-fit hook configured to pivotably engage said support member bar.

5 - 8. (cancelled)

9. (original) The chair according to claim 3, wherein said at least one connector is a mounting pad defining a recess configured to pivotably engage said support bar.

10. (currently amended) The chair according to claim 3, wherein: said seat back defines a concavity at least adjacent said support bar; and said support bar includes a substantially linear center section and opposite end sections connected at an angle to said center section so that said support bar accommodates said concavity of said seat back.

11 - 14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) The chair according to claim 14 1, wherein: said bottom support member includes:-
at least one ground-engaging leg; and
at least one elongated bar connected to and supported by said leg,
said at least one elongated bar defining said bearing surface;
~~said at least one rail member is an elongated bar; and~~
 said seat bottom includes at least one slide block attached thereto, said at least one slide block defining a channel for slidably receiving said at least one elongated bar.

16. (cancelled)

17. (currently amended) The chair according to claim 15, wherein said slide block includes:

an upper portion attached to said seat bottom and defining an upper half of said ~~bore~~ channel;

a lower portion defining a lower half of said ~~bore~~ channel, said upper half and said lower half combinable to encircle said at least one elongated bar; and

a fastener for connecting said lower portion to said upper portion with said at least one elongated bar within said channel.

18. (original) The chair according to claim 17, wherein said upper portion of said slide block is integral with said seat bottom.

19. (cancelled)

20. (currently amended) The chair according to claim 15, wherein:
said at least one elongated bar has a first end adjacent said seat back and an opposite second end; and

said bottom support member includes a stop attached to said at least one elongated bar adjacent said second end, said stop configured to limit movement of said slide block toward said second end.

21. (currently amended) The chair according to claim 20, wherein said bottom support member includes a second stop connected to said at least one elongated bar adjacent said first end, said second stop configured to limit movement of said slide block toward said first end.

22. (cancelled)

23. (original) The chair according to claim 1, wherein said intermediate portion includes a slack region that is recessed relative to a plane including said seat back.

24. (original) The chair according to claim 1, wherein said intermediate portion has a reduced width less than a largest width of said seat back.

25 - 26. (cancelled)

27. (original) A chair comprising:

a one-piece shell including a seat back having an upper end and a lower end, and a seat bottom extending from said lower end of said seat back;

a bottom support member having a bearing surface slidably supporting said seat bottom thereon;

a seat back support member connected to said bottom support member and disposed adjacent said seat back; and

a pivot element connected to said seat back support member and pivotably supporting said seat back between said upper end and said lower end.

28. (cancelled)

29. (currently amended) The chair according to claim 28 27, wherein: said bottom support member includes:-

at least one ground-engaging leg; and

at least one elongated bar connected to and supported by said at least one leg, said at least one elongated bar defining said bearing surface;

~~said at least one rail member is an elongated bar; and~~

said seat bottom includes at least one slide block attached thereto, said at least one slide block defining a ~~bore~~ channel for slidably receiving said at least one elongated bar.

30. (original) The chair according to claim 27, wherein:

said seat back support member includes a support bar spanning at least a portion of said seat back; and

said pivot element includes at least one connector integrally formed with and projecting from said seat back and configured to pivotably engage said support bar.

31. (original) The chair according to claim 30, wherein said at least one connector includes a plurality of hooks configured to pivotably engage said support bar.

32 -34. (cancelled)

35. (currently amended) The chair according to claim ~~34~~ 27, wherein:
said seat bottom includes a portion cantilevered beyond said bottom support member; and

said bottom support member includes:

a pair of opposite ground-engaging leg members;

at least one rail member connected to and supported by said pair of leg members, said at least one rail member defining said bearing surface; and

a transverse member connected between said pair of leg members and providing cantilever support for said portion of said seat bottom.

36. (original) The chair according to claim 35, wherein said seat bottom includes at least one rib defining a sliding surface for sliding contact with said transverse member.

37. (original) The chair according to claim 36, wherein said at least one rib spans said cantilevered portion of said seat bottom and is configured to provided stiffness against bending.

38 - 41. (cancelled)